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Dear Community Leader:

The City of Bloomington's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration Commission invites you to participate in "A Day On! Not A Day Off" on the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, Monday, January 18, 2010. Please mark your calendar now! This is the time to begin planning a meaningful community service project. Please note that the deadline for applications for funding is December 11, 2009.

Your service activity could be a few hours or multiple days. Since students of all ages will want to volunteer, consider whether you have a minimum age level. Please keep track of the volunteers who assist you and invite them to the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration on the evening of Monday, January 18, 2010, at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater, where we will publicly recognize them. Please designate a project supervisor from your agency to share information, supervise volunteers, and lead a short period of reflection at the end of your activities. We will provide an outline to guide the discussion, emphasizing your on-going volunteer needs.

If you plan a service project, please complete the enclosed Request for Proposal so we can publicize your volunteer needs. It is also available on-line (www.bloomington.in.gov/mlk). If you are requesting funding for materials or supplies, complete the Financial Information portion of the form as well. The King Commission will decide which projects will receive funding at its December meeting and we will inform you of their decisions shortly thereafter. Funding has been provided by the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County and other organizations.

In addition to traditional volunteer service projects on the King holiday, we are encouraging additional acts of service during "40 Days of Peace," beginning on the federal King holiday and lasting through February 26, 2010. We will be providing a "40 Days of Peace Pledge" with additional details when we announce the awards. Creative ideas for carrying out this request are most welcome!

People across the country will celebrate the King Holiday by coming together to serve others. It is in this spirit that we encourage you to offer an opportunity for service and reflection. If you have any questions please contact Craig (349-3471; brennerc@bloomington.in.gov) or Bet (349-3472; savichb@bloomington.in.gov).

Sincerely,

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